

ST JOSEPH'S, STONEHOUSE & THE ANNUNCIATION, WOODCHESTER

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C - PSALTER WEEK 2 / SAINT - WEEKDAYS OF ADVENT

ST JOSEPH'S

Sun	9.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> Readers: Sue and Brendan Turbitt
Mon	10.00am	<i>Carmel Scannell</i>
Tue		No Mass
Wed		No Mass
Thurs	10.00am	<i>Arthur Bottomley †</i>
Fri		No Mass
Sat	10.00am	<i>Anne Sweet †</i>

THE ANNUNCIATION

11.00am	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Lisa Parker
5.00pm	Mass: <i>People of parish</i> - Reader: Jennifer Richards
	No Mass
9.15am	<i>Celia McGinty †</i>
	No Mass
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9.15am	<i>John Gallagher †</i>
	No Mass

LECTIONARY

Sun	Bar 5: 1-9	Ps 125	Phil 1: 3-6. 8-11	Lk 1: 1-6
Mon	Is 35: 1-10	Ps 84: 9-14		Lk 5: 17-26
Tues	Is 40: 1-11	Ps 95: 1-3. 10-13		Mt 18: 12-14
Wed	Is 40: 25-31	Ps 102: 1-4. 8. 10		Mt 11: 28-30
Thurs	Is 41: 13-20	Ps 144: 1. 9-13		Mt 11: 11-15
Fri	Is 48: 17-19	Ps 1: 1-4. 6		Mt 11: 16-19
Sat	Ecclus 48: 1-4. 9-11	Ps 79: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19		Mt 17: 10-13

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT ST JOSEPH'S

Mike Gibbons and Olga, Julie Wood, Elizabeth Carr, Mary Evans, Rosemary Mabud,
Aine Anderson, Maggie & Merv, Mary Scully

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Celia McGinty, Sarah Kane, Peter Crowley, Mary Stock, Theodore Sajczuk, Michael O'Sullivan, Anthoni Malfiggiani

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL AT THE ANNUNCIATION

Fr. Richard Finn O.P. and family, Maureen Gannon, Rebekah Hollingshead, Brendon Conboy, Della Cox, Jo Heffernan,
Barry Norris, Cynthia Stevens, Peggy Chapman, Tony Coupe, Agnes Hutchinson, Fr. Michael Davies, Avril Wilkes,
Joan Berner, Barry Taylor, John Presland

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED ABOUT THIS TIME

Patrick Mulhall, Sr. Mary Ryan, Patrick Heaney, Richard Adamson, Tadeusz Zurek, Edward Wilks, Leolyn Wilkins,
William Saunders, Margaret Kaye, Joseph Anderson

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture,
a language suited to the people of the present time

DIOCESAN PRAYER LINK

Bristol parishes – Lawrence Weston: *Our Lady of the Rosary*, Shirehampton: *St. Bernard*

GENERAL INTEREST

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at St Joseph's (after the Saturday morning Mass) from 10.30-11.00 For The Annunciation, please enquire

This Sunday is Bible Sunday: we pray for openness to the Word of God

THE NATIVITY STORY AS TOLD BY THE INN KEEPER

At 4pm on Christmas Eve, at St Joseph's (but not exclusively for St. Joseph's!), Deacon Bogdan presents his acclaimed Nativity Story. You must remember last year's at The Annunciation! Parents, Grandparents – (Grandparents)ⁿ bring your children. Let them dress up as Shepherds, Kings, Mary, Joseph (not just one child can dress up as Mary or as Joseph – the more the merrier!). Let them bring their favourite cuddly toy animal (take home afterwards). Children can be face-painted or wear animal masks. There are carols and lots more. Stay afterwards for a cuppa / cakes / (yes, *and* mince pies, but these are *proper* ones) then the Vigil Mass for Christmas follows with more mince pies afterwards.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Please come and join St Peter's RC High School Choir for a festive evening of music and readings at 7pm this Friday 14 December in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Stroud. Tickets £3 (£1 concessions) are available from the school Reception (01452 520294) or boxoffice@sphs.uk.com or on the door. Everyone welcome and please come to support us.

IN ADVANCE FOR APRIL 2019

Carole and Rosalind are planning a coach trip to The Queen's Gallery in London to see the Russian Royalty and Romanov's Exhibition. A list that you can add your name to is in the porch.

THE "GREAT 'Os'" ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Again, St Thomas, Fairford will be holding this Advent service. Conducted by Martin Le Poidevin from Clifton Cathedral it will be this Friday December 14 at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to come to celebrate Advent. There will be a collection in aid of the Catholic Charity SPICMA and refreshments to follow. If you are interested in singing in the choir (drawn from local churches and Stroud Deanery) for this event please see the poster for further details or contact Monica Frewer (frewer@btinternet.com or 07774102356).

CAFOD'S WORLD GIFTS

These are alternative charity gifts that transform lives. Perfect for Baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries and especially for Christmas, you can choose a unique, virtual gift that will make a real difference to a family living in poverty. And that warm and fuzzy feeling comes with free delivery!

They are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose from a great range, including sending a goat, building a business or helping a refugee child. See the catalogues here at our parish or the CAFOD website - <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

TO ACCOMPANY THE DIOCESAN YEAR OF PRAYER

The Liturgy Office is hosting a new course entitled 'Understanding and Praying the Liturgy'. It will seek to enable us to enter more deeply into our understanding of the Mass both as an encounter with the Risen Christ and as prayer itself. Beginning with Bishop Declan, we will be guided through the course by a number of excellent speakers, both from within and outside the diocese. Full details can be found on <https://cliftondiocese.com/departments/adult-education/liturgy-office> or by phoning Richard Williams or Doreen Wyatt on 0117 902 5595.

ST JOSEPH'S

HYMNS

478	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
25	All that I am
437	Make me a Channel of your Peace
430	Love Divine all Loves Excelling

ST JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

"Thankyou to everyone who supprted and to those who worked so hard to make this year a success. We raised £430.50. The breakfast rolls were a huge success thanks to Carol, Gillian and Mattie. The bric-a-brac, books and tombola did very well and a special thanks to the lady who made all those amazing hampers. Thanks to Janet for making her cakes and for donations. It made it all worth while. To all those I haven't mentioned by name thank-you." *Gwen*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND BOOK SALE

Very many thanks to everyone who helped and / or supported the raffle and book sale. The combined total raised for the Jumbulance Fund was £188.78

SOMETHING NEW IN STONEHOUSE

Please pray for the future of the Community Workshop which is planned to open in the Lloyd's Bank building

THE ANNUNCIATION

CHURCH CLEANING

"We urgently need two or three people to fill a gap in our Church Cleaning Rota. If you can spare an hour or two once a month, please contact Angela Middleditch on 832911, or see me after Mass and I will give you more details.

ALSO on Thursday 20th December we will be doing an extra special clean to make the church sparkle for Christmas. Please come along any time between 10am and Midday, and we will give you a job, and maybe a mince pie too!" *Angela*

FOR THE FOODBANK, PLEASE

Biscuits, Tinned Veg, Instant Coffee, Tinned Meat, Dried Pasta, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Fish, Custard, Tinned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Pulses, Jam, Marmite, Small Sugar, Tinned Soup, Steamed Pud, Choc Spread, Peanut Butter. UHT Fruit Juice, Instant Mash, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste. No Baked Beans, please!

FOR THE FURNITURE BANK, PLEASE

Stroud Furniture Bank. Can use your old furniture to help local families. Contact them for a free collection on 01453 367260

ANNUNCIATION PARISH AND SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you for setting up the Fayre, manning the stalls and coming along.

CHOIR DATES

Monday 17th Dec 1.45	Choir Practice
Sunday 23rd Dec 11.00	Sung Mass

HYMNS

253	Hail to the Lord's Anointed
535	On Jordan's Bank
430	Love Divine